

# Memorandum



Date: January 20, 2005

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess  
County Manager

Agenda Item No. 7(C)(1)(B)

Subject: Travel-Tech, Inc. application for a transfer of Passenger Motor Carrier Certificate of Transportation No. 296

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the transfer of Passenger Motor Carrier Certificate of Transportation No. 296 from Express Medical Transportation Corp. to Travel-Tech, Inc.

## BACKGROUND

On February 17, 1981, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 81-17, subsequently amended by Ordinance 85-20 on April 16, 1985, which regulates the passenger motor carrier industry in Miami-Dade County under Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Section 31-103 (m) of the Code provides the procedures to be followed by Miami-Dade County in processing transfer applications. No certificate may be sold, assigned or transferred to another until the proposed sale, assignment, or transfer has been approved by the County Commission. The Transportation Committee and Board of County Commissioners, in considering the proposed transfer of ownership or control of the certificate, shall determine, upon evidence submitted by the parties or any other party or person affected by the proposed transfer, whether or not said transfer is contrary to the public interest. The Commission may approve said transfer or refuse to approve said transfer upon such terms and conditions or may reasonably alter, restrict or modify the terms and provisions of such transfer where the same may best serve the public interest.

## ANALYSIS

Express Medical Transportation Corp. has filed an application to transfer Passenger Motor Carrier (PMC) Certificate of Transportation No. 296 to Travel-Tech, Inc. The Code requires that such transfers be approved by the Board. PMC No. 296, originally issued on March 18, 1999, to L. Csonka South Florida Tours and Transportation, Inc., and transferred to Express Medical Transportation Corp. on June 18, 2002, authorizes special operations service. Travel-Tech, Inc., located at 17115 NW 87 Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33015, seeks to continue providing this class of service.

The company is required to adhere to the terms of the resolution, which approved the initial certificate (R-272-99, attached). Travel-Tech, Inc., seeks to transport resident and tourist groups to and from various locations through out Miami-Dade County.

Transportation will be pre-arranged on a 24-hour minimum basis. These services will be provided Monday through Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., using chauffeur driven vehicles with a seating capacity of nine or more, but less than 28 passengers, excluding the driver. The proposed rates are listed on the attached rate schedule.

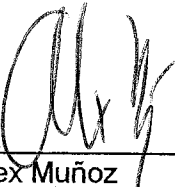
Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners  
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The management plan submitted by Caridad Alvarez, President of Travel-Tech, Inc., includes maintenance, communication, and record keeping systems and meets the requirements of the Code. All required financial statements and credit references have been submitted and the proposed service standards adequately meet passenger transportation and comfort needs. A background investigation reveals no criminal conviction for the applicant or any corporate officers within five years of the date of the application.

As required by the Code, the applicant has provided disclosure of the terms and conditions regarding the transfer of the certificate. A Sales Agreement between Caridad Alvarez, President of Travel-Tech, Inc., and Carlos Vidal, President of Express Medical Transportation Corp., establishes the acquisition by Travel-Tech, Inc. of PMC Certificate of Transportation No. 296 for a total price of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

In accordance with Section 31-103 (e) of the Code, a 20-day notice of application was provided to all affected municipalities within Miami-Dade County, all passenger motor carrier certificate holders and interested parties. No protests were filed.

Attachments

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alex Muñoz', is written over a horizontal line.

Alex Muñoz  
Assistant County Manager

ARTICLE III. PASSENGER MOTOR  
CARRIERS\*

Sec. 31-101. Transportation policy.

To assure the development and maintenance of a safe, healthy and efficient passenger transportation system for Miami-Dade County, the Commission, County Manager and County staff, in carrying out the duties and responsibilities prescribed in this article, shall consider the following as being in the public interest:

- (1) Reliance on market forces and on actual and potential competition among all transportation modes, so as to provide transportation services at competitive prices.
- (2) Coordination of regulatory decision-making with the transportation improvement plan, and the orderly development of an integrated transportation/transit system for Miami-Dade County so as to ensure the development and maintenance of a transportation/transit system responsive to the needs of the public, in which regulatory decisions are reached fairly and expeditiously, and with consideration of their costs and benefits.
- (3) Improvement of motor vehicle safety.
- (4) Achievement of County, national and State energy conservation goals.
- (5) Reduced concentration of market power, and prevention of unfair, deceptive, predatory or anticompetitive practices.
- (6) Reduction of restrictive regulatory barriers to entry into the industry and promotion of equal opportunities.
- (7) Promotion of the safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County who use the services of passenger motor carriers to meet their transportation needs.

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\*Editor's note—Ord. No. 81-17, adopted Feb. 17, 1981, did not specify manner of codification; therefore, inclusion of §§ 2—16 as Art. III, §§ 31-101—31-115, has been at the editor's discretion.



"YOUR FULL SERVICE AGENCY"

### S E R V I C E S:

Seller of Travel broadening its services to provide local roundtrip transportation only to their clients/passengers who purchased a ground tour/excursion and who request the service.

This service will provide local roundtrip transportation from passenger's home location (pick up) to location point (drop off) in Hialeah, Florida to meet the chartered buses that will be providing the transportation services of the excursion itinerary of trip purchased.

### F A R E / R A T E S C H E D U L E S:

Rates and fares are subject to location service is requested/required (from passenger's home location) to gathering departure point. Final destination meeting point location is Hialeah, Florida.

#### Pick up areas Zone 1

Coral Gables, Miami, South Miami (North of Kendall), Hialeah  
Northwest Dade, Downtown Miami  
Roundtrip rates are \$35.00 per passenger

#### Pick up areas Zone 2

North Miami, Miami Beach, South of Kendall to Homestead  
Roundtrip rates are \$45.00 per passenger

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 3-18-99

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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-272-99

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE  
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION TO L. CSONKA  
SOUTH FLORIDA TOURS AND TRANSPORTATION, INC.  
TO PROVIDE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE AS A  
PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER

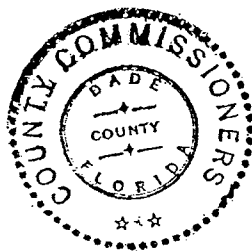
WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Code, a Certificate of Transportation to provide special operations passenger motor carrier service to a common destination or series of common destinations in Miami-Dade County, as recommended by the County Manager, be issued to L. Csonka Tours and Transportation, Inc.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ~~Katy Sorenson~~, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner ~~Gwen Margolis~~ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Miriam Alonso	aye	Bruno A. Barreiro	aye
Dr. Barbara M. Carey	aye	Miguel Diaz de la Portilla	aye
Betty T. Ferguson	aye	Gwen Margolis	aye
Natacha Seijas Millan	aye	Jimmy L. Morales	absent
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Pedro Reboredo	absent
Dorin D. Rolle	aye	Katy Sorenson	aye
Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of March, 1999. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as to  
form and legal sufficiency. GKS

**KAY SULLIVAN**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk



# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(N)

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members  
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 18, 1999

FROM: M. R. Stierheim  
County Manager

SUBJECT: L. Csonka South Florida Tours  
and Transportation, Inc. application  
for a Passenger Motor Carrier  
Certificate (PMC Control No. 384)

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the application of L. Csonka South Florida Tours and Transportation, Inc. for a Passenger Motor Carrier Certificate of Transportation to provide pre-arranged special operations service.

## BACKGROUND

On February 17, 1981, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 81-17, subsequently amended by Ordinance 85-20 on April 16, 1985, which regulates the passenger motor carrier industry in Miami-Dade County under Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Section 31-103 of the Code provides the procedures to be followed by Miami-Dade County in processing certificate applications. Based on those requirements, a public hearing has been scheduled before the Board of County Commissioners. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Board may issue or refuse to issue the certificate, or issue the certificate with such modifications or upon such terms and conditions as in its judgment the public interest may require. In reaching its determination, the Board shall consider the application, the County Manager's report and recommendation, all matters presented at the public hearing, and among others, the following criteria:

- (1) That the applicant is fit, willing and able in accordance with the requirements of this section, to provide the transportation to be authorized by this certificate and is able to comply with this article and regulations of the commission.
- (2) That the transportation to be provided under the requested certificate is consistent with the public interest.
- (3) That the proposed transportation service will improve the quality of transportation available to the public.

ANALYSIS

L. Csonka South Florida Tours and Transportation, Inc., located at 20730 NE 4th Place, North Miami, Florida, 33179, seeks to obtain a Passenger Motor Carrier Certificate of Transportation to provide pre-arranged special operations service transportation to passengers throughout all of Miami-Dade County. This class of service is defined as the transportation of persons to a common destination or series of common destinations where the person may be charged as an individual or as part of a group, including but not limited to charter, sightseeing, or subscription service, not between fixed terminals or on a regular route.

The company is a tour operator that seeks to transport tourist and resident groups to and from various locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Transportation will be pre-arranged on a 24-hour minimum basis. These services will be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using chauffeur driven vehicles with a seating capacity of nine or more, but less than 28 passengers, excluding the driver. The proposed rates are listed on the attached rate schedule.

The management plan submitted by Ms. Flore Csonka, President of L. Csonka South Florida Tours and Transportation, Inc., includes maintenance, communication, and record keeping systems and meets the requirements of the Code. All required financial statements and credit references have been submitted and the proposed service standards adequately meet passenger transportation and comfort needs. A background investigation reveals no criminal conviction for the applicant or any corporate officers within five years of the date of the application.

In accordance with Section 31-103(e) of the Code, a 20-day notice of application was provided to all affected municipalities within Miami-Dade County, all passenger motor carrier certificate holders and interested parties. No protests were filed.

This application was filed prior to the adoption of R-1404-98 which provides that new applications will not be received by the department after December 15, 1998; however, applications on file will be processed for Board consideration.

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 4 (W)  
6-18-02

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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-651-02

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF  
TRANSPORTATION NO. 296 TO EXPRESS MEDICAL  
TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE SPECIAL  
OPERATIONS SERVICE AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

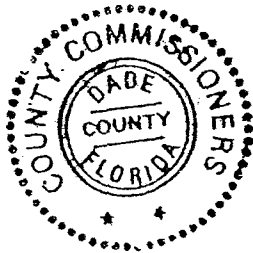
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Code, the transfer of Certificate of Transportation No. 296 to Express Medical Transportation, Inc. to provide special operations passenger motor carrier service to a common destination or series of common destinations in Miami-Dade County is approved.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Jimmy L. Morales**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dorrin D. Rolle** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Jose "Pepe" Cancio, Sr.	absent
Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler	aye	Betty T. Ferguson	absent
Gwen Margolis	absent	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Jimmy L. Morales	aye	Dennis C. Moss	absent
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of June, 2002. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency. GKS

By: **KAY SULLIVAN**  
Deputy Clerk

Gerald K. Sanchez



TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members  
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 18, 2002

SUBJECT: Express Medical Transportation, Inc.  
application for a transfer of  
Passenger Motor Carrier Certificate  
of Transportation No. 296

FROM: Steve Shiver  
County Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the transfer of Passenger Motor Carrier Certificate of Transportation No. 296 from L. Csonka South Florida Tours and Transportation, Inc. to Express Medical Transportation, Inc.

### BACKGROUND

On February 17, 1981, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 81-17, subsequently amended by Ordinance 85-20 on April 16, 1985, which regulates the passenger motor carrier industry in Dade County under Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Section 31-103 (m) of the Code provides the procedures to be followed by Miami-Dade County in processing transfer applications. No certificate may be sold, assigned or transferred to another until the proposed sale, assignment, or transfer has been approved by the County Commission. The Commission, in considering the proposed transfer of ownership or control of the certificate shall determine, upon evidence submitted by the parties or any other party or person affected by the proposed transfer, whether or not said transfer is contrary to the public interest. The Commission may approve said transfer or refuse to approve said transfer upon such terms and conditions or may reasonably alter, restrict or modify the terms and provisions of such transfer where the same may best serve the public interest.

### ANALYSIS

L. Csonka South Florida Tours and Transportation, Inc. has filed an application to transfer Passenger Motor Carrier (PMC) Certificate of Transportation No. 296 to a new corporation, Express Medical Transportation, Inc. The Code requires that such transfers be approved by the Board. PMC No. 296, originally issued on March 19, 1999, authorizes special operations service. Express Medical Transportation, Inc., located at 8055 NW 77 Court, #3, Miami, Florida, 33166, seeks to continue providing this class of service.

The company is required to adhere to the terms of the resolution which approved the initial certificate (R-272-99, attached). Express Medical Transportation, Inc. will transport medical

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patients to and from hospitals, rehabilitation, and therapy centers throughout Miami-Dade County.

Transportation will be pre-arranged on a 24 hours minimum basis. These services will be provided Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., using chauffeur driven vehicles with a seating capacity of nine or more, but less than 28 passengers, excluding the driver. The proposed rates are listed on the attached rate schedule.

The management plan submitted by Carlos M. Vidal, President of Express Medical Transportation, Inc., includes maintenance, communication, and record keeping systems and meets the requirements of the Code. All required financial statements and credit references have been submitted and the proposed service standards adequately meet passenger transportation and comfort needs. A background investigation reveals no criminal conviction for the applicant or any corporate officers within five years of the date of the application.

As required by the Code, the applicant has provided disclosure of the terms and conditions regarding transfer of the certificate. A Sales Agreement between Express Medical Transportation, Inc. and L. Csonka South Florida Tours and Transportation, Inc., establishes the acquisition by Express Medical Transportation, Inc. of PMC Certificate of Transportation No. 296 for a total price of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

In accordance with Section 31-103(e) of the Code, a 20-day notice of application was provided to all affected municipalities within Miami-Dade County, all passenger motor carrier certificate holders and interested parties. No protests were filed.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Miami-Dade County, Florida will meet on Thursday, October 14, 2004 at approximately 2:00 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, Miami, Florida to consider:

Resolution approving transfer of Certificate of Transportation No. 296 to Travel-Tech, Inc. to provide special operations services as a passenger motor carrier.

*A person who decided to appeal any decision made by the Transportation Committee of the Board of County Commissioners, with respect to any matter considered at its hearing, will need a record of the proceedings. Such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.*



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 20, 2005

**FROM:** Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 7(C)(1)(B)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 7(C)(1)(B)  
01-20-05

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE  
OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 296 TO TRAVEL-TECH,  
INC. TO PROVIDE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE  
AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined  
in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated  
herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that in accordance with  
Chapter 31 of the Code, the transfer of Certificate of Transportation  
No. 296 to Travel-Tech, Inc. to provide special operations passenger  
motor carrier service to a common destination or series of common  
destinations in Miami-Dade County is approved.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner  
\_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded  
by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a  
vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency. GKS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Gerald K. Sanchez